

**News update for October 19, 2023**

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**This Week at Trinity**

- Thursday** (October 19th)
- Friday** (October 20th) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
  - 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
- Saturday** (October 21st) *Office Closed*
- Sunday** (October 22nd)
- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
  - 9:00am Sunday Worship
  - 10:15am Fellowship Potluck brunch
  - 6:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (October 23rd)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Tuesday** (October 24th) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (October 25th)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
  - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
  - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

**Joint Worship**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October, 10/29 we will be having a joint service and lunch with St. Paul’s, instead of our usual service here.  
*More info on page 7*

Rev. Tucker will be preaching for us on Oct. 22, and will be leading a workshop on “Pastoral Authority Today” at 4 pm at Trinity United Methodist church.  
*More info on Page 5*

## Looking Ahead

- October 22 Rev John Tucker from Cabinet – Crater Lake D.S. will speak in his 4:00pm workshop, “Pastoral Authority” at Trinity.
- October 29 at 10:00am will be the practice worship service for the Bishop’s visit (Both Trinity & St Paul’s together at Trinity)(reformation Sunday). At 11:30am there will be a potluck brunch for both churches (130) people **at Trinity**.
- November 3-5 Brian & Andrew from Genesis Mediation – Leadership Retreat
- November 19 will be the Bishop Cedrick’s Visit at 10 am with St. Paul’s, Trinity, and Ashton present. Held at Trinity.



## UWF News

Greetings! What a great unit meeting we had on Thursday! Twenty plus members and guests enjoyed gingerbread with lemon curd topping. Delish! The hostesses were Mary, Joni, and Kay with many helpers. Chansé Powell, the CEO of Senior Solutions, provided the program. What a wonderful business for our area. The consulting company helps seniors and their families find needed resources in several areas such as

housing and in-home assistance. Anything that a senior needs, they can help connect to those resources.

Marilyn shared a devotion from “101 Moments of Hope”, reminding us it’s ok to worry. Worry is a form of love!

Joni collected donations for World Thank Offering. Mary shared some “thoughts of gratitude”. Kathy told us about the Shepherd’s Inn fundraiser Shoot for the Moon and Win the Whole Cow. You can purchase a raffle ticket through October 31. Talk to Kathy if interested or go to [www.shepherdsinn.org](http://www.shepherdsinn.org) to donate.

Pam gave us information about the Festival of Trees which is being held at the Elks’ Club on November 13-17. This project supports the Development Workshop and other local programs. Volunteers are always needed.

Sherry and Kay told us about the cookie exchange and tea being held at St. Paul’s Methodist Church on December 2 from 2:00-4:00. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome.

At our next unit meeting on November 9, we will have a speaker from the crisis center to talk about mental health services available in our area. Plan to attend.

Mary reminded us about the conference fall celebration this Saturday, October 21. Talk to Sherry for ZOOM instructions. Mary also reviewed the Sage District Fall Celebration ZOOM meeting in September. The theme was Women with Purpose. United Women in Faith speak for those who cannot act.

Mark your calendar with all the activities coming up in the next weeks. Lots to see and do.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Soup Potluck**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - September 30, 2023



Income	\$136,154
Expenses	<u>\$128,685</u>
Current net income	\$ 7,469

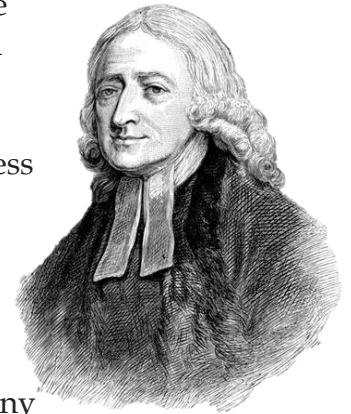
## Birthdays

### June

Croft, Audrey	10/20
Hindman, Beverly	10/21
Croft, Richard	10/23
Dickson, Julie	10/23
O'steen, Lola	10/25
Lybeck, Carter	10/26
Thorp, Amanda	10/27
Rigby, Henry	10/28
Ezparza, Vince	10/31

## John Wesley Quote

"I have spoken the more explicitly upon this head because it is so little understood; because so many of those who profess much religion, nay, and really enjoy a measure of it, have not the least conception of this matter, neither imagine such a separation to be any sin at all."

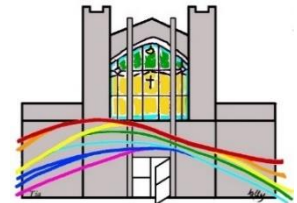


~Schism

## Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve:

**Chair of Admin Council;**  
Open Position



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations  
Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149  
[bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

Chair of Trustee  
Don Rohde (860)810-3227-  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)

Chair of Finance  
Scott Taylor (208)201-5593]

## How to Talk with Your District Superintendent

### Leadership Retreat Nov. 3-5

The United Methodist system for getting the right pastors to the right churches is a bit convoluted. To understand the system, we need to start with the fact that we are a connectional system, which means all our churches and pastors rely on each other to be the Body of Christ in the world. We trust that we are all working toward the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth. We've been this way (connected) since the time of John Wesley.

For this system to work, we need a lot of trust and a lot of communication between the leadership of each church and the district superintendent. We place our trust in our DS and the entire Cabinet; (the bishop and all the DSs of the area) to discern, with the help of the Holy Spirit, what configuration of pastoral leadership will work best for our congregations and who might be the best pastor for each church. At the same time, the leadership of the church has a great responsibility to discern God's will for the church and commit to the vision we develop from this discernment.

To help us prepare for our responsibilities in this system we are going to be holding a leadership retreat from Friday to Sunday, Nov. 3-5. Brian Shimer and Andrew Arthur of Genesis Christian Mediation will be joining us as we practice discernment skills, develop our vision out of that discernment, and learn how to listen to and communicate well with our district superintendent Karen Hernandez. We also need to learn to listen clearly to Karen as she explains to us the scope of her work as district superintendent to the churches of the Sage District. We are

expecting a lot of pastoral changes in the district this year and DS Karen oversees them all.

### We will be meeting on:

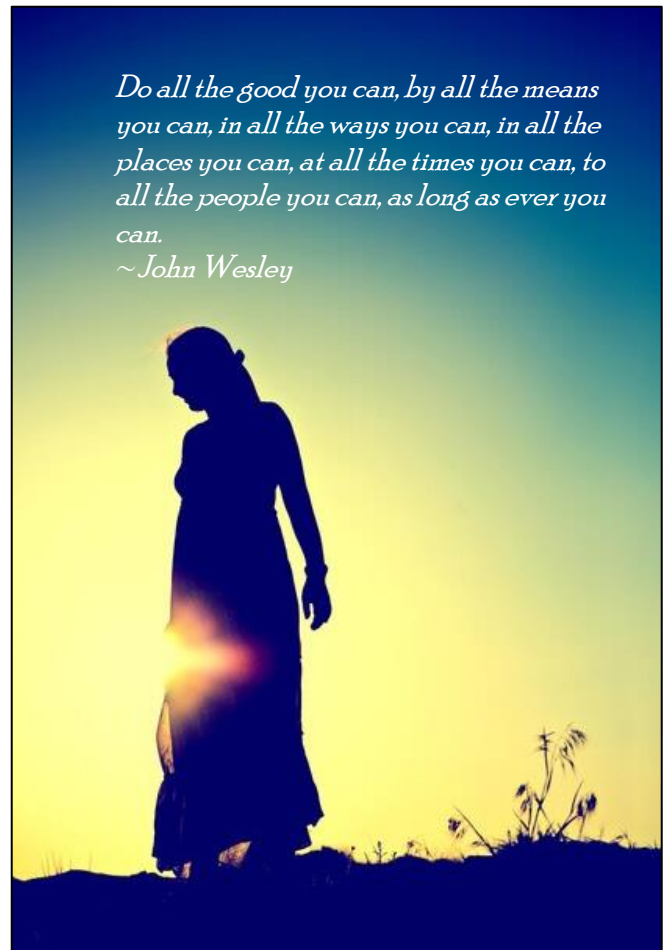
Friday, Nov. 3 from 6:30-8:30 pm, as separate church leadership groups at both churches

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 to 3 pm together at St. Paul's church and Sunday, Nov. 5, from 4 to 6 pm, as separate church leadership groups at both churches.

Our "regular, elected leaders" have already received an invitation to this retreat, but if any of you feel called to help our churches with these next steps in planning our future, please send me an email ([kneary@pnwumc.org](mailto:kneary@pnwumc.org)) and I will be sure to send you an invitation as well. We could use all the help we can get!

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

*~John Wesley*



## Habitat House Progress

This week the Skytrax boom lift with 54-foot reach appeared on site. This will be used to place the roof trusses. On Monday they fabricated the gable roof cantilever that extends out from the roof at each end. Later this week they will place the roof joists and put sheathing plywood on the roof.



## Community Food Basket

Please help Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls spread the word!

Our 4th annual Regional Food Drive starts this week!!! This is our largest food drive of the year and not only keeps our shelves stocked through the holiday season but allows us to also share with other food nonprofits.

Our goal is 100,000 lbs. of food! Starting this week, we will have collection barrels at the following partner grocery stores with our most needed items flyer attached:

- ALBERTSONS - AMMON
- BROULIMS - AMMON
- SAM'S CLUB - IDAHO FALLS
- ALBERTSONS - 17TH ST
- ALBERTSONS - BROADWAY

Please donate if you are able to help us help others!

COMMUNITY

# Food Drive

OCT 2-31

Food For Today, Hope For Tomorrow

**Most Needed Items**

• Canned Fruit (high need)	• Canned Pasta (high need)
• Tomato Sauce (high need)	• (Ravioli, Spaghetti's, etc)
• 1-2lb Dry Pasta (high need)	• Canned Beans (high need)
• Cereal (high need)	• (Black, Pinto, Kidney, etc)
• Mac & cheese (high need)	• Peanut Butter
• Canned Tuna (high need)	• Spaghetti Sauce
• Any Other Food You Wish to Donate	• Diced Tomatoes
	• 1-2lb Bagged Rice (high need)

**Drop Off Locations:**

Albertson's - Hitt Road	Broulim's - E Sunnyside Rd
Albertson's - 17th St	Sam's Club - 17th St
Albertson's - W. Broadway	

Questions? Call Us At 208-524-0994

CARING & SHARING

COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET IDAHO FALLS

GRAND TETON COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Idaho National Laboratory

Melaleuca

**Cash Donations Welcome** | Please Make Checks Payable to Community Food Basket- Idaho Falls and Mail to: 1895 N Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 85401

Every \$1.00 Donated Will Buy \$4.80 of Food

## How to Talk with Your Pastor

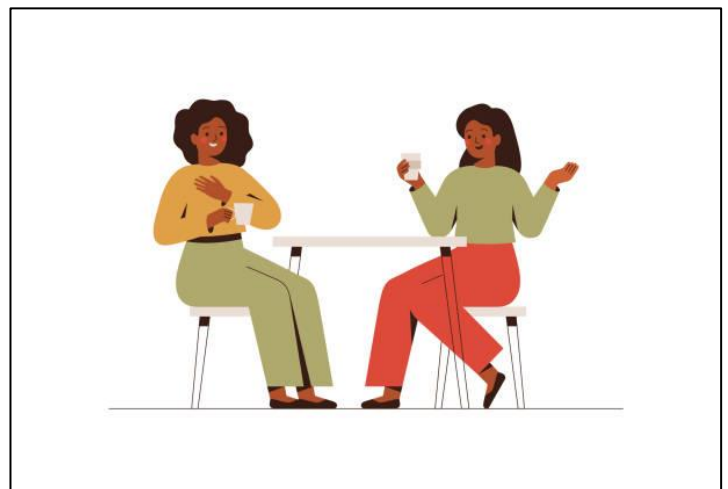
Someone at Trinity asked me why we have set up a communion table down in front of the altar (on “ground level”) rather than use the very nice communion altar that is built in, high up a flight of stairs, in the front of the sanctuary. My very nuanced, theologically informed answer was, “I don’t want to fall going up or down those stairs.” That answer seemed to satisfy the questioner, but it brought up a whole host of questions about why the folks who built the Trinity building designed the sanctuary that way. The reason is that we used to believe there should be a distance maintained between pastors and congregants. The pastor was thought of as separate and special, and churches were designed with spaces that only the pastor (and choir!) could enter. In addition, the pastor was literally “elevated” above the congregation, symbolizing their closeness to God, and their spiritual superiority over the congregation. Also, the grandness of the design was supposed to remind the congregation of the greatness of God.

It’s obvious that our view of pastors has changed drastically over the last half century. A comparison of the design of St. Paul’s sanctuary to that of Trinity’s gives us a clear visual showing how attitudes have changed. St. Paul’s sanctuary reflects the idea that pastors are now seen as being on the same “level” as the congregation.

However, now we are often unclear as to what the role and authority of a pastor are. Lucky for us, Rev. John Tucker, district superintendent of the Crater Lake district, is going to be helping us understand pastoral authority today, and how pastors and congregants can work together to live into

the church’s vision. Rev. Tucker will be preaching for us on Oct. 22, and will be leading a workshop on this topic at 4 pm at Trinity United Methodist church.

In the meantime, I can tell you we do have a clear process for talking with your pastor whenever a problem or disagreement arises. (You can talk with me when we agree as well!) If you have a problem with anything I say or do, I invite you to speak with me directly, as soon as possible. I am available in person during the first part of the month, and you can reach me by phone, email, or text the rest of the time. If you don’t feel comfortable speaking with me directly, please talk with the SPR chair of your church (Bev Kemp at Trinity and Tracy Gohr at St. Paul’s). When we communicate directly, it is easier to solve problems. The days of seeing the pastor as both set apart from the congregation, and as an unapproachable leader are gone. I’m just like you, but with some special knowledge and skills that allow me to help you live into your vision. I’m just like you: scared of falling down those stairs in the Trinity sanctuary!



## Bishop Cedrick's M.I.L.E

You can watch Bishop Cendrick Bridgeforth videos from the Greater NW Area conferences regarding his direction for our churches. There are 5 of them in total and all follow the theme of M.I.L.E.

**M:** Ministry That Matters

**I:** Itineration & Location (being window people not mirror people)

**L:** Lay Ministry Enhancement

**E:** Eliminating Racism

This will give you a clearer understanding of where Pastor Kathy is leading us. You can view these on-line using the link below. I'd encourage you to watch them, especially before Bishop Bridgeforth comes to Idaho Falls on November 19th.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10470305>

## Homeless Services

In September there were 162 homeless services supplied in the 16 days we were open. This represented services to 67 unique people. The services provided included 137 showers, 44 loads of laundry, and 20 requests for supplies. The supplies included emergency food, Tarp(4), socks(5), underwear (3), gas(1), mail(2), and WIFI to study for a class(7). The clients ranged in age from 14 to 78 with an average age of 46.7. Time in the church varied from 4 min to 300 minutes with an average of 67 minutes. 19 visitors were new clients for us. 55% have cellphones and 81% have valid ID.

## Fall Celebration

### FALL CELEBRATION TURKEY DINNER

**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**4-7pm**

**OES Idaho Falls #85  
225 S Capital Ave.**

**Masonic Lodge**

**(12 or older) \$20**

**Seniors (55+ or 6-12) \$15**

**Kids under 5 eat free**



## Food Drive for Soup Kitchen

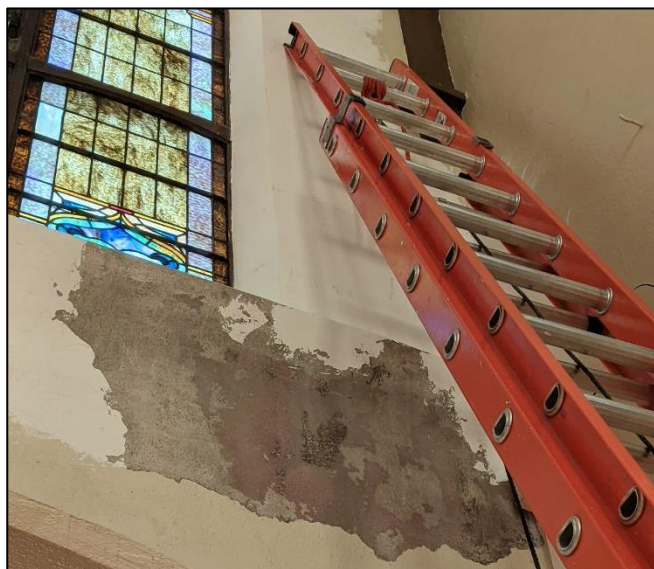
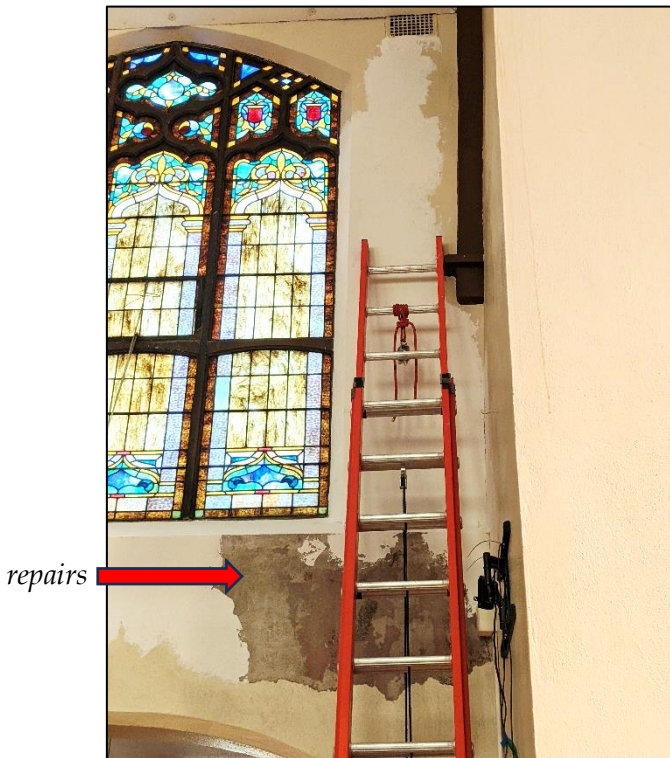
The Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen is in **desperate need** of food for lunches. Kathy Harder has been talking to the team there and their greatest needs are:

- Pasta
- Instant Potatoes
- Cream of Chicken soups
- Tomato Sauces
- Macaroni and Cheese

If you would like to donate food, please bring it to the church and we will get it to the soup kitchen.

## Sanctuary Restoration Update

Rob has been working on applying the leveling coat of white plaster on the section of the upper wall in the front of the sanctuary on the south side. The leveling coat is to build the wall up to match the 107 years of paint buildup on the walls.



## Joint Worship & Potluck 10/29

For our 5th Sunday of October, we are having a collective worship with both the St. Paul's and Trinity congregation at Trinity starting at 10 am. Melinda from St Paul's staff will be our speaker for the worship. After worship we will retire to the Mary Dawson Hall and have a communal potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

This will be the first time we have been able to get all the Idaho Falls Methodists together since the summer picnic at Tautphaus Park.

The whole day will also serve as a practice run for when Bishop Cedric comes to visit on November 19th.



Trinity

St. Paul's

**Idaho Falls Methodists**

## Choir Opportunity

After the Joint Service with St. Paul's on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, St. Paul's choir will have a rehearsal for the performance for when Bishop Cedrice is here on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Trinity has been invited to join the performance. Anyone interested in joining the choir performance will be welcome to join.





## Financial Statements

**Trinity Methodist Church of Idaho Falls  
Profit and Loss  
January - September, 2023**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	
4000 Pledges & Regular Giving	\$ 71,352
4002 Loose Plate Giving	\$ 3,946
4005 Rent - Facility - Room Use	\$ 920
4006 Schaumleffel Foundation	\$ 7,600
4025 Estate Gifts	\$ 42,472
4100 Unrealized Gain/Loss on Stock Held	\$ 6,625
4300 Parsonage Net Rental Income	\$ 3,240
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$136,155</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$136,155</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>5000 WORSHIP</b>	
5040 Worship Supplies	\$ 359
5060 Copyright Licensing	\$ 262
5120 Honoraria	\$ 190
5150 Senior Pastor	
5151 Senior Pastor Salary	\$ 20,966
5152 Parsonage Utility Allowance	\$ 3,250
5153 Senior Pastor Medical Insurance	\$ 7,200
5154 Sr Pastor Pension (CRSP & CPP)	\$ 4,843
5159 GNA - Pastor Payment	\$ 7,335
5160 Pastors Moving Expense	\$ 450
<b>Total 5150 Senior Pastor</b>	<b>\$ 44,044</b>
<b>Total 5000 WORSHIP</b>	<b>\$ 44,854</b>
<b>6000 PROGRAM &amp; FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES</b>	
6030 Devotional Materials	\$ 196
6040 Sunday School Supplies	\$ 117
6110 Small Group Ministries	\$ 816
6130 Church Picnic	\$ 952
6150 Coffee Hour Supplies	\$ 83
<b>Total 6000 PROGRAM &amp; FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,162</b>
<b>8000 BUILDING &amp; PROPERTY</b>	
8010 Custodial Supplies	\$ 324
8020 Church Maintenance & Repair	\$ 7,297
8030 Utilities	\$ 4,395
8040 Natural Gas	\$ 6,671
8050 Property Insurance & Workmen's	\$ 8,717
8051 Church Car and Insurance	\$ 673
8070 Repairs - Parsonage Maintenance	\$ 4,247
<b>Total 8000 BUILDING &amp; PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 32,324</b>
<b>9000 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS</b>	
9002 Wages - Staff Payroll	\$ 34,315
9010 Employer Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,755
9020 Interest Expense	\$ 19
9030 Office Supplies	\$ 111
9040 Office Equipment	\$ 634
9050 Office Software Upgrades	\$ 60
9070 Postage	\$ 223
9080 Copier Expense	\$ 969
9090 Paper	\$ 42
9110 Telephone and Internet	\$ 1,998
9121 Accounting	\$ 4,260
9130 Publicity & Advertising	\$ 310
9200 Conference Apportionments	\$ 3,240
9500 Uncategorized Expenses	\$ 143
Bank Charges	\$ 125
Paypal Fees	\$ 141
Square Fees	\$ 0
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>	<b>\$ 265</b>
<b>Total 9000 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 49,345</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$128,686</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,469</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
4001 Designated Giving-Internal	\$ 32,787
4012 Designated Giving - Pass Thru	\$ 971
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,758</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
9700 Pass Through Expense - Internal	\$ 32,787
9701 Pass Through Expense - External	\$ 971
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,758</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,469</b>

## Financial Statements Cont.

**Trinity Methodist Church of Idaho Falls  
Balance Sheet  
As of September 30, 2023**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Designated Funds	\$ -
Art for All	\$ 130
BEA Homeless Grant	\$ 2,501
Bereavement Committee	\$ 176
Camp Scholarships	\$ 928
Capital Reserves	\$ 11,926
Farkas Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 3,654
Parking Lot Repair	\$ 520
Security System	\$ 114
Stained Glass Repair	\$ 6,288
<b>Total Capital Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 22,501</b>
Chesbro Transfer	\$ 25
Christian Education	\$ 3,184
Christmas Fund	\$ 14
Compassionate Care Fund	\$ 16,312
Floral Tributes	\$ (85)
Handbell Choir	\$ 6,951
Memorials	\$ 11,076
Organ/Piano Tuning & Repair	\$ 139
Pastor's Moving Fund	\$ 5,050
Reconciling Group (EXT)	\$ 4
Scouts Scholarship (EXT)	\$ 61
UMCOR (EXT)	\$ -
UMCOR Designated Funds	\$ (25)
<b>Total UMCOR (EXT)</b>	<b>\$ (25)</b>
Vacation Bible School	\$ 81
VIM - Honduras (EXT)	\$ 3,287
Youth Ministries	\$ -
Youth Group	\$ 230
Youth Ministries - Children	\$ 563
Youth Ministries - Junior High	\$ 525
Youth Ministries - Senior High	\$ 199
<b>Total Youth Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 1,516</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 73,825</b>
Endowment Fund Equity	\$ 221,124
Retained Earnings	\$ (11,152)
Trinity Restoration Fund	\$ 4,612
<b>Undesignated Funds</b>	
DF Fund	\$ 5,000
Jack Wallace Estate Gift	\$ 39,285
LM Fund	\$ 708
RF Fund	\$ 2,447
Schaumleffel Foundation Annual	\$ 5,367
<b>Total Undesignated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 52,807</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,469</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 348,685</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 350,662</b>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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29 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:00am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Joint Potluck Brunch with St. Paul's @ Trinity 6:00pm N.A  <span style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px;">JOINT WORSHIP</span>	30  7:00pm N.A.	31 <i>Halloween</i>  7:00pm N.A. 	1 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA <b>November</b>	2 9:00am UWF Executive Board meeting	3 Office Closed  7:00pm Candlelight N.A  7:00pm N.A	4 Office Closed
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